

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed and to correct a typographical error made in the Preliminary Amendment filed October 8, 2003.

February 8, 2004 being a Sunday, this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed by February 9, 2004.

In addition, it is respectfully asserted that the above-mentioned application is a Divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/467,759, filed December 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,661,796, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/835,995, filed April 11, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,584,070, which is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/510,121, filed August 1, 1995, now abandoned, which is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/004,134, filed January 13, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,509,007.

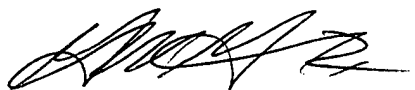
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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